

A WARSHIP'S RECORD.

The Varied Service Performed by the Flagship Chicago.

Some Interesting Facts Concerning a Four Years' Cruise of the Most Remarkable Ship in the White Squadron.

Of all the war ships in the world, there is probably not one so well known throughout the two hemispheres as the white cruiser Chicago, the flagship of Rear Admiral Erben, now doing so much to uphold the honor and dignity of the United States in London. She is the most extensively known war vessel for many reasons. Not only has she visited more ports than any other warship afloat, says the New York Sun, but she has carried the stars and stripes into more harbors in a given space of time than any vessel of her kind in the history of the world; she has been seen by more people of different nationalities and has fired more salutes, burned more powder in peaceful festivities, and has received more honors and attentions from foreign nations than all the other ships of the navy combined. The Chicago, in addition to having won the pride of the United States navy longer than any vessel in any other navy has held the distinction, has made the longest recorded single cruise and has participated in more international naval demonstrations in a

They had the use of the ship's band forward of the mast twice a week, when the men were allowed to receive visitors and have dancing with their friends. This was a most popular feature of bluejacket life on the Chicago. The popularity of the Chicago among the rank and file is further shown by the fact that the average number of applications for transfer to her from other ships was invariably about 400. With the officers she was a favorite because of her comfortable quarters; and being the flagship, she came in for more than the usual amount of receptions and attentions from foreign powers in ports visited. The officers of the Chicago have been entertained and received officially by the representatives of nearly all the chief European and South and Central American governments, and the Chicago in return has had the honor of having entertained the representatives of more foreign governments than any naval vessel afloat.

The recent reception given to her officers by the representatives of the government of Great Britain and the return reception to be given by them may be considered crowning honors in her career.

Antelope Preserve in Africa.

An effort is being made in England to form a society with the object of preserving many of the species of South African antelopes, which are in danger of soon becoming extinct. The scheme, which is being promoted by a number of well-

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Among them are a letter of Portugal to Christopher Columbus written in 1488, conveying the assurance of the consideration; a bull of Alexander VI. granting the discoverer's sovereignty of the Indies in 1493; and several letters of the king and queen.

One of these, dated 1492, conferred on Christopher Columbus the title of admiral and perpetual governor of the Indies; another, dated 1495, conferred on him the privilege of wearing armor; another, dated 1537, appoints Luis Colón admiral of the Indies.

There are royal letters of congratulation to Columbus, on the result of his second voyage, on his diplomatic